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SUBJECT: VIET-NAM VETERANS PLAN NEW APPEAL TO US CONGRESS

1. SENATOR PHAM DO THANH, PRESIDENT OF THE VIETNAMESE VETERANS LEGION, SENT AN URGENT APPEAL MARCH 29 TO ALL US AND OTHER KEY VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS AROUND THE WORLD, SEEKING SUPPORT FOR THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE EFFORT TO HALT COMMUNIST AGGRESSION. APRIL 12 REPLY FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION (TEXT BELOW) IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RESPONSES TO THANH'S APPEAL.

2. TEXT OF AMERICAN LEGION RESPONDS: "THE AMERICAN LEGION HAS MADE REPEATED APPEALS TO OUR PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS TO RESUME PROVISION OF SUFFICIENT MILITARY AID TO STOP NORTH VIETNAMESE AGGRESSION. NATIONAL COMMANDER WAGONSELLER IS SPEAKING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND IN PRESS INTERVIEWS ON URGENCY OF RESUMPTION AND CONTINUATION OF AID TO YOUR BE-LEAGUERED NATION. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO HELP ASSURE THE SURVIVAL OF A FREE SOUTH VIETNAM."

3. THANH NOW INTENDS TO SEND A NEW APPEAL TO MEMBERS OF US CONGRESS IN NEXT DAY. WE WILL SEND TEXT AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. THANH TOLD US HE MIGHT QUOTE AMERICAN LEGION RESPONSE, AND CITE SOUTH VIETNAMESE VETERANS' PRIDE IN
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